



November 2023

CLUB PURPOSE: Promote fly fishing, conserve regional fishing resources, encourage friendship & cooperation among all anglers.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2023, at CG Public House and Catering on Clearwater Ave. in Kennewick, WA.

PROGRAM:

Tim Cammisa of "Trout and Feather" will present Why My Pennsylvania Didn't Work in Iceland. Tim has spoken to us before, and his presentations are always interesting and full of great information. He has spoken to us previously on entomological topics, and as you might guess from the title of his presentation, this presentation should be quite a bit different.

Although he and his wife Heather live in western Pennsylvania, fly fishing has taken him all over the country and overseas, with his fly fishing "home base" being in the State College area. Some of Tim's favorite waters include the Delaware (where he has guided) and Missouri Rivers; though discovering small streams with wild trout still continues to excite him (his son Angelo especially likes this, as he gets to be the "fish spotter!").



Upcoming Fishing Events:

No group activities planned for the rest of 2023. There are still plenty of local fisheries to enjoy during those Indian summer days.

2023 OFFICERS

President:

Ray Williams
509-547-8658

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1st VP-Membership:

Rich Holten

2nd VP-Programs:

Craig Anderson

Treasurer:

Sheldon Coleman

Secretary:

Jeff Drowley

Directors at large:

Elver Robbins

Guy Reisenauer

Dave Myers

Newsletter Editor:

Kyle Kneese

Past President:

Jim Loomis

MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of
every month except
Mar, Jul, and Aug

6:00pm - Wet Fly - no host

6:30pm - Dinner - \$24

7:15pm - Program - free

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$35/yr Indiv & Family

\$50/yr Business

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President s Message

by Ray Williams

We are now making plans for the 2024 Sportsmen Show scheduled for January 26th through the 28th. Bruce Hewitt is the event coordinator for the show. We will be asking for members to participate in our exhibit area and in our Fly Tying Theater. In the exhibit area, we interface with the visitors passing our exhibit station. We need help here with greeting the public, selling raffle tickets, displaying fly tying, and instructing kids tying their own flies. We will also need help in the setup and teardown of the exhibit. Volunteers get free access to the Show on their assigned day(s).

At the November meeting, we will be presenting the nominees for the 2024 Board. We will have returning: 1st Vice President, Rich Holten, 2nd Vice President, Craig Anderson, and Newsletter Editors Mike Wade and Kyle Kneese. Elven Robbins will be moving to 2-Year Director. I will be the Past President. Our nominee for President is Guy Reisenauer. Our nominee for 3-Year Director is Bruce Hewitt. Our nominee for our 1-Year Director, replacing Guy, is Jan Jackson. I am happy to see that the new board will be made up with 5 members having been with the Club for less than 10 years.

Walla Walla Film Festival

By Rich Holten

Reminder: Washington Water Trust-Fly Fishing Films-Nov. 9

I recently received an email from Washington Water Trust about an upcoming fly-fishing film festival in Walla Walla on Thursday, November 9. More info and tickets can be found at <https://givebutter.com/wwt-f3t-walla-walla-2023>. Tickets are \$20 with proceeds benefitting Washington Water Trust (WWT) work restoring rivers and streams in the Walla Walla region and across the state. Event ticket sales are nonrefundable. Doors open at 6 pm with raffle items available and the film starts at 7 pm. If anyone is interested in attending, I can take up to 7 people with me to Walla Walla that evening. Contact (text or phone) Rich Holten at 509-521-4291.

I did a bit of background research on WWT and they seem to be actively promoting Washington river restoration projects. I asked about their position on Snake River dams and they said that they do not have an official stance on the Snake River dams, noting that issues such as the potential removal of the lower Snake River dams are outside their ambit as their work is focused on finding solutions to instream flow issues.

Western Rivers Conservatory

This fall, Washington Rivers Conservancy reported on their efforts in Washington State. WRC conveyed a large ranch to the Colville Tribes This allowed the Tribes to increase water flows to the Antoine Creek by 90%, increasing support for steelhead spawning. This action by WRC simply returned the ancestral lands to their original stewards.

WRC's efforts protected a 650-acre parcel of land along the Yakima River. This protects vital flood plain habitat along three miles of shoreline.

Oregon

WRC's conservation efforts protected three miles on the lower John Day river that encompass the McDonald's Ferry Ranch; and addition, the secured 4,000 acres of sagebrush-steppe that is open to all.

For more details, see www.westernrivers.org, Fall 2023 Report

Submitted by Ray Williams

November Hot Spots

Kyle Kneese

No doubt fishing season is winding down, but there are still opportunities available. Remember, we live in the epi-center of almost year-round amazing fisheries, including the Yakima, which I'll let others from the Club opine on in future newsletters, I hope.

For starters, Ringold is our local sea-run fish hatchery, including for steelhead. It's worth a visit this time of year, if for no other reason, to see the incredible numbers of chinook making their final push up the Ringold hatchery stream in their war dance colors. Ringold, also, has a relatively new coho contingent. From my limited research, it appears the genesis was to provide additional nutrition for killer whales, but those that make it back here present yet another opportunity for a tight line. Dennis Dauble, just this past weekend, caught one (landing a coho) on his first cast. He hit an area that I had recent luck at (landing a steelhead), then he caught a nice steelhead as well downstream.

Most opportunities this time of year, during those Indian summer days, involve B run steelhead or coho. To the west of us is the Cowlitz river. The boat and gear traffic has died down and the last big, aggressive coho are making their push to the hatchery. Steelhead, which the Cowlitz is famous for, may still be hanging around. The hardest fighting steelhead I ever caught was a Cowlitz one. It practically took me to my Spey reel backing on the first run. I'll never forget the acrobatic jumps it made either. Maybe that's due to the fact of no downstream dams.

To the east of us is the Clearwater, specifically at Orofino, ID. If you have never been to Ofonino, it's worth the relatively short pilgrimage. Stop at the legendary Red Shed Fly Shop. Stay at the Best Western Rivers Edge. Eat at the fine local restaurants, all within walking distance—after fishing for the famous B runs. The bank access is limitless. Yes, there are boats and bait fisherman earlier and later in the year, but there is a catch and release season that starts in mid-October and extends into November.

October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

by Jeff Drowley

Columbia Basin Fly Casters Board Meeting October 24, 2023

Agenda

Board Members **attending:** Ray Williams, Rich Holten, Jeff Drowley, Craig Anderson, Jim Loomis, Kyle Kneese, Sheldon Coleman, Guy Reisenauer, Elver Robbins. **Not in attendance:** Dave Myers.

The Meeting was called to Order at 1900 on October 24, 2023

Agenda Conflicts: None Noted

Secretary's Report: September Draft Meeting Minutes were issued and comments received were incorporated and subsequently published in the October newsletter. Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sheldon sent out the Profit and Loss report for the period 9/27 to 10/24 to board members prior to the meeting. Had one no show from the general meeting. Net has gone up a little over \$1000. Report was approved.

Membership Report: Rich Holten reported that membership is at 87.

Programs Report:

- Anthony Lakes - next years outing will be August 15 -18, 2024.
- 2024 Lochsa (or possible alternate venue) outing will be September 5-8.
- Craig Anderson reported that the November speaker is Tim Cammisa..
- December will be the gift exchange.

The last opportunities I'll mention are the Deschutes and the Klickitat. Believe it or not both of the mouths can be fished easily in a day trip from here. What's also nice is you can fish the Deschutes mid-day this time of year. The Deschutes has unlimited walking, bank access—and no fishing from boats or bait. It's a fly fisherman's and spin caster's dream fishery. I will say the action dies down by this time of year, but I was really impressed with the aggressive fish, including kings, weeks back. Apparently, the Deschutes has the healthiest wild fish population, specifically fall chinooks, in the entire Columbia basin system. I believe it.

The mouth of the Klickitat is not far from the mouth of the Deschutes, albeit across the Columbia on the Washington side. You'll drive and hike in a little further to access some special, scenic spots. This time of year, the Klickitat has a late contingent of B run coho apparently. I may have to save a try for those next season. I didn't even touch on the Walla Walla, Touchet or Tucannon fisheries that start heating up into December. Please feel free to share your ideas and stories!



- Dennis Dauble will be speaking in January
- Banquet speaker is John Shewey Date is March 9, 2024

Newsletter Editor: All inputs are due by no later than November 7 noon for the newsletter to be issued prior to the 11/14/2023 General Meeting.

Old Business:

- **CG Contracts for 2024** - Price per meal will go to \$26. Wet Fly will start at 1730. CG now provides iced tea.
- **Sportsman's Show** - Signups for booth reps/fly tiers will be at the November Meeting - We still need 14 time slots filled over the three days, along with another person for booth setup on the 25th and teardown on the 28th. Bruce brought the story board to the September meeting, but we still need to update pictures. "Picture of the month" submittals to the newsletter will be accrued for the next years story board. Some photos have been submitted to newsletter, but we need more. Craig noted he had sent quite a few directly to Bruce Hewitt.

New Business:

- **Election Committee** - 2024 Officers - vote is due at the November General Meeting per bylaws.
- Need nominees or volunteers for:
 - President - Guy Riesenauer
 - Membership VP - Rich Holten
 - Newsletter Editor - Kyle will stay with Mike Wade help.
 - 3 year At-Large Bruce Hewitt
 - 1 year At Large Jan Jackson.
 - Raffle coordinator (not officer, but important to the club)
- **Prep for Sportsmen Show** -
 - **Tie-A-Thon** -Reminder to tie flies for the 2024 Tie-A-Thon.

Open microphone

- Deschutes Alliance paid with donation in lieu of September speakers fee.
 - Need fill-in for Wanda Shearer as raffle coordinator for future general meetings (November taken care of - Ray Williams). Craig took action to speak with another member as a fill-in.
- The mouth of the Deschutes was proposed as another venue for group fishing, still open for discussion.
- Other suggested group fishing trips for 2024?
 - Rocky Ford
 - Leech Lake
 - Lenice Lake
 - Corral Lake
 - Potholes Reservoir
 - Deschutes River
 - Metolius River
 - John Day River
 - others?

Next General Meeting November 14, 2023 at CG Catering Event Center

Next Board Meeting November 28, 2023 on ZOOM

December General Meeting is 12/12/23
December Board meeting is adjusted to December 19, 2023 on Zoom

January General Meeting is January 9, 2024
January Board Meeting is January 23, 2024 on Zoom

Sportsman's Show dates are January 25 (set-up) through January 28, 2024

Banquet March 9 2024

Sun Lakes Outing dates are May 1 - May 5, 2024

Anthony Lakes dates are August 15 -.18, 2024

Lochsa (or alternate venue) dates are September 5 - 8, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 1947.

From Red's Fly Shop:

DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO MEND? UPSTREAM?

Knowing when to upstream or downstream mend is critical to accomplishing a drift that gets an eat from that big trout. We are discussing dry fly presentation but one could apply this to indicator and dry dropper set-ups. We teach the below technique and many more in our [Fly Fishing 301](#) course as well in every single one of our [Fishalong courses](#). Come join us in one of these to squash that learning curve.

You can watch many videos on the "how" of mending. When I refer to mending, I am talking about moving or fixing your line to accomplish a presentation that looks real to life for your fly. This post is about the "when" of mending and which direction. There are very few situations where you can cast your line out there and accomplish a life-like drift without mending. Most likely you will need to move your line upstream of your fly or downstream of your fly.

UPSTREAM MEND: You will need to move your line upstream of your fly whenever you are casting your fly into water that is slower than the water that is between you and the fly. This happens many times when casting against a bank, behind a boulder or other structure and when we are standing on the outside of a riffle casting towards the inside. We mend in this situation to avoid the fast current between us and our fly dragging the fly down river.

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[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington

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REGULATIONS

[Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules](#)

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[Washington Fishing Regulations & Seasons](#)

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FISHING INFORMATION

[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

[Oregon Fishing Resources and Information](#)

[Washington Fishing & Shellfishing Information](#)

[Columbia Basin Bulletin's](#) Significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

[River and stream data](#) USGS current and historical data for Washington State.

CONSERVATION

[Coastal Conservation Association's](#) purpose is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. CCA's objective is to conserve, promote, and enhance present and future availability of coastal resources.

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

[Native Fish Society](#)

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[Western Rivers Conservancy](#)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Columbia Basin Fly Casters

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Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: _____

Name _____

Renewal, no change in address/phones/ email

Street Address: _____

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Primary Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

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ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

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